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PROCEEDINGS

Friday, Sept. 17th, 11 o'clock a. m.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J R Wilson from Daniel 2nd. chap., 44th verse.

After an intermission of one hour for dinner, the Association assembled in the house, and after a song, praise and prayer by Elder C M Mills, the church messengers and invited visitors proceeded to business, as follows:

Elder J R Wilson, Moderator for High Hill Church, acted as Moderator, and Bro C T Mills Clerk of High Hill church acted as Clerk, and Bro Preston Helms assisted him; also Bro Robt. Horne as reading clerk.

1. Invited all orderly Baptist who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from sister churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

From High Hill—whole church.

From Bethel—Brethren W T Bell, Joe Lee, O J Bell and others.

From Lawyers' Springs—Brethren J B Medlin, H M Baucom, W E Jones, P A Griffin and others.

From Liberty Hill—Brethren A J Deese, C W Safley and others.

From Meadow Creek—Brethren D M Hathcock, R M Hatley, W. H. Hatley, Tice Furr and others.

From Mt. Creek—Brethren J E Russell, C W Smth, Willie Solomon, Virgil Solomon and others.

From Pleasant Grove—Brethren Marshall Mullis, T F Mills, Tommie Stegall, T A Helms and others.

From Union Grove—Brethren Jeff Taylor, J A Griffin, Sanford Medlin. F P Deese and others.

From Watson—Brethren J Troy Simpson, Gilbert Benton, J A Helms, F O Helms and others.

From Union—Brethren S F Heath, Brady Polk, W R Coley, ... Moore and others.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None handed in.

4. The Association authorized the Moderator to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on preaching—Brethren C T Mills, Preston

Helms, D M Hathcock, H M Baucom and F L Baucom.

Committee on finance—Brethren F P Deese, Walter Jones, J E Russell, J Troy Simpson.

5. Called on Presbyteries to report. None reported.

6. Invited messengers and visitors from sister Associations and churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek..Elders A L Presnell, R A May and wife, Bro Robert Smith and wife,

From Dan River ..Elders J R Wilson, W H Oaks, Silas Dallas and brethren J D Hopkins, E L Furgeson and others.

From Little River..Elder Joel T Lewis; brethren M M Denning, M N Todd. R F Smith, W T Ward and------ Pollard and wife and others.

From South Arkansas..Minutes.

From Sequachie Valley..Elder R O Roulston and Minutes.

From Mt. Zion..Minutes.

From Tennessee--Nolachucky..Minutes.

Correspondents to sister Associations.

To Silver Creek..Elders C M Mills and P J Washburn.

To Dan River..Elders C M Mills, P J Washburn, Brethren C T Mills. Robt. Horne and J Troy Simpson.

To Little River..Elders P J Washburn, C M Mills and Bros. C T Mills, Robt. Horne.

To Sequachie Valley ..Elders P J Washburn and C M Mills

To Mt. Zion..File of minutes.

To Tennessee--Nolachucky..Elders P J Washburn and C M Mills.

To South Arkansas..File of minutes,

7. On motion, agreed that we continue correspondence with all churches and Associations with whom we are now corresponding.

8. On motion Vann P Helms was appointed to write corresponding letter for this minute.

9. On motion adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Saturday A. M.

SATURDAY A. M.

Met in house pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 a. m , and after praise and prayer by Eld. P J Washburn, proceeded to business, as follows :

10. Called on finance committee to report. Reported sent up by the churches and congregations $161.70

On motion, finance committee discharged.

11. On motion it is agreed that we distribute corresponding minutes as usual. Corresponding letters called for, read and adopted.

12. On motion it is agreed that we hold the next session of this Association with the church at Liberty Hill, Stanly county, N. C., on Friday, Saturday and 3rd Sunday in Sept.. 1938, and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon.

AMENDMENT

The churches composing this body authorized the Association to add to Art. 11 of our Articles of Faith the following, to wit :

We believe in and practice the washing of feet as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

13. On motion, it is agreed that we have 800 copies of minutes printed and distributed as usual, and that Bro H M Baucom is requested to have the job done, and that we allow him $30.00 for printing and distributing them.

14. On motion, it is agreed that we return thanks to God for his mercy, and the good people of this church and vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment during this meeting.

15. On motion, it is agreed that all funds above $30.00 for 800 copies of minutes be distributed to ministers present.

16. On motion, adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

REMARKS :

This ends one of the most peaceful and delightful Associations we have ever been permitted to attend. Our home ministers, corresponding and visiting ministers came in their own humble way, preaching Jesus, the only way for which poor lost sinners are saved. Also admonished the Lord's little children to their duty toward serving Him and being obedient to His command, which we feel in our hearts is edifying to the little children of God, and to the honor of His dear name.

We believe the Gospel we heard, and this meeting will long be remembered, and we can feast on it for many days. Our correspondents will please take our corresponding letters as personal to them. We especially want to thank our outside friends for their kind deeds and liberal contributions during this meeting. May the dove of peace hover over us next year as it has in the past year.

Elder J. R. WILSON, Mod.
C T. MILLS, clerk
PRESTON HELMS, Asst. clerk.
ROBT. HORNE, Reading clerk.

Order of Preaching

Friday a. m.	Elder J. R. Wilson	Text, Daniel 2:44
' p. m.	' R. O. Roulston	' Jude 2
	' C. M. Mills	' ' 3
Saturday a, m.	Bro. M M Denning— Text, "Behold what manner of love," etc.	
Saturday a. m,	Bro J D Hopkins Text, Gal. 6:7-9	
Saturday a. m.	Elder A L Presnell—Text: Prayer and experience	
Saturday p. m.	Elder R A May—Text St. John 15:1-15	
Saturday p. m.	Bro E L Furgeson—Text 1st Cor., 2:2-6	
Saturday p. m.	Elder Silas Dallas—Text 1st Peter 1:2	
Sunday a. m.	Elder R O Roulston—Text, For as the Father raiseth up, &c	
Sunday a. m.	Eld. W H Oaks—Text, Isaiah 40:4-7	
Sunday a. m.	Elder Joel T Lewis—Text, Ephesians 2	
Sunday p. m.	Elder P J Washburn—Luke 17:6	
Sunday p. m.	Elder J R Wilson—Text, Salvation by Grace	

Corresponding Letter

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association,
to our Corresponding Associations and
to all of like Precious Faith,
to whom these greetings may come :

We have, through the tender mercies of our God been permitted to meet again in an Associational capacity, and while we feel so unworthy our blessed Lord has sent us of His ministers from the different parts of His kingdom all preaching one and the same thing : Peace by Jesus Christ, our Lord; and our message to you, which makes us feel so unworthy, yet at the same time so thankful, is that all of the churches and ministers composing the Association are at peace and in love one with another. Under the proclamation of the gospel and the love manifested, our souls are lifted up to the extent that we can say "peace on earth and good will toward men,"

Love to all the household of faith. Come and visit with us.

VANN P. HELMS

Rules Govering The "Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association"

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transaction of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authoriity to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association, then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring it or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or set forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

Articles of Faith

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art.2. We believe in the manJesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Ttinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament contain the only written revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election; that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Artl 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing, as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized. called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eteral.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS & THEIR ADDRESS	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESS	Rec'd by Ex. & Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Rec'd by Confession	Total membership	Sunday of Preaching	Contribution	
High Hill	Elder J R Wilson, Martinsville, Va.	C T Mills, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.	2							46	1st	$32 90	Dist'd to Ministers $131.70
Lawyer's Springs	" J R Wilson, " "	H M Baucom, Peachland "	5							67	1st	37 55	For Minutes 30.00
Liberty Hill	" O C Mullis, Rt. 3, Monroe, N C	C W Safley, Albemarle, box 14 "		3					2	9	1st	2 35	
Meadow Creek	" O C Mullis, " 3, " "	D M Hathcock, Stanfield "				3		1		20	3rd	12 00	
Mountain Creek	" P J Washburn, Rt 2, Albemarle N C	J E Russell, Albemarle "					1	1		23	2d	12 00	
Pleasant Grove	" C M Mills, Charoltte "	A E Broome, Marshville, Rt. 2 "	1				1	1		38	2d	10 50	
Union Grove	" C M Mills, " "	F L Baucom, Monroe "	1	1	1		1	1		48	4th	28 75	
Watson	" P J Washburn, Rt. 2, Albemarle "	Preston Helms, Rt. 3, Monroe "	1			1		2		35	3rd	16 85	
Bethel	Elds C M Mills, Charlotte N C joint- W E Benton, Shallotte " ly	P J Bell, Wampee, S C				1		1		26		3 00	
							1	1		26		4 00	
Union	Elds S P Heath, Mt. Holly, N C join- C M Mills, Charlotte, " tly	W R Coley, 105 N. 1st St., Belmont "										1 80	
			10	4	1	5	3	7	2	338		161 70	